

# Current Events

This year in science, students will be completing current event. The students will have to select articles that's science related. The students will have a specific document to use to complete the assignment. A copy of the document will be given to the students but if it gets lost, the students will have to go to the class website to print off a new copy. The current event must be filled out on the document. Below I will state the requirements and rubric.

## Requirements

- ❖ Required paper
- ❖ Article used (Must come from a newspaper or magazine, actual or online)
- ❖ Copy of rubric
- ❖ Pencil being used

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

	4. Distinguished	3. Proficient	2. Apprentice	1. Novice
<b>Writing-Conventions:</b>  Correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, usage	No spelling, grammar, capitalization or punctuation errors. Sentences are all well-formed.	Fewer than 5 spelling and grammar errors. Fewer than 5 capitalization and punctuation errors. One or two flawed sentences.	More than 5 spelling and grammar errors. More than 5 capitalization and punctuation errors. Less than 5 sentences show flawed structure.	More than 10 spelling and grammar errors. More than 10 capitalization and punctuation errors. Many sentences show flawed structure.
<b>Organization-Time Management:</b>  Uses time wisely	Used time well. Work was turned in early or on time.	Most work was done on time.	Some work was not done on time. Monitored progress occasionally. Did not change work habits or schedule accordingly. Worked frantically to finish project on time.	Did not use time well. Little or no work was done on time. Did not monitor progress adequately. Project was not completed on time.
<b>Design-Overview:</b> Color, font, and layout	Hand writing is easy to read.	Hand writing is somewhat easy to read.	Hand writing is hard to read.	Hand writing makes it impossible to read.

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## EXTRA! EXTRA! TELL US ALL ABOUT IT!

BIG NEWS IS HAPPENING ALL AROUND US... WE ARE RELYING ON YOU TO SHARE IT WITH THE WORLD. USE THE SELECTED ARTICLE, AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW - THE WORLD WANTS TO KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER!

NAME:

PARTNER:

DATE:

CLASS / PERIOD:

1. WHAT IS THE HEADLINE OF YOUR ARTICLE? 1pt

2. IS THIS ARTICLE CONTROVERSIAL? YES ☐ NO ☐ 1pt  
(AN ARTICLE IS CONTROVERSIAL WHEN OPPOSING OPINIONS ARE EXPLICITLY STATED WITHIN THE TEXT OF THE ARTICLE.)

3. DOES THIS ARTICLE DEAL WITH QUESTIONS OF MORALITY? 1pt  
YES ☐ NO ☐

4. WHAT MORAL QUESTION IS MOST PROMINENTLY DISCUSSED?  
(1 POINT, POSED AS A QUESTION.)

5. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT BIAS WAS WRITTEN INTO THIS ARTICLE? 1pt  
YES ☐ NO ☐  
(DOES THE AUTHOR INSERT THEIR OPINION INTO THE ARTICLE AND DOES THE AUTHOR PRESENT BOTH POINTS OF VIEW ON THE TOPIC?)

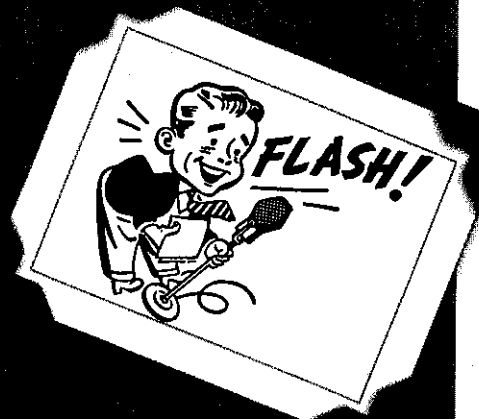
6. IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO QUESTION 5, WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THE ARTICLE IS BIASED? IF YOU ANSWERED NO, WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THAT NO BIAS IS PRESENT? 1pt

### CITE YOUR SOURCE!

PUBLICATION NAME:

PUBLICATION DATE:

IS THIS A LOCAL, NATIONAL, OR INTERNATIONAL NEWS STORY?  
(LOCAL MEANS WITHIN OUR STATE, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ASSIGNMENT)



# SAY WHAT???

7. IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE THE TWO MOST SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS (OR QUOTES) FROM THIS ARTICLE? DESCRIBE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EACH, USING COMPLETE SENTENCES. (4 POINTS)

STATEMENT / QUOTE #1:	STATEMENT / QUOTE #2:
SIGNIFICANCE #1	SIGNIFICANCE #2

8. WHO WILL BE MOST IMPACTED BY YOUR ARTICLE? (1 SENTENCE / POINT)


9. DESCRIBE THE IMPACT THEY MAY EXPERIENCE. (2 SENTENCES / POINTS)


## SUM IT UP!

10. IN PARAGRAPH FORM, WRITE A SUMMARY OF YOUR ARTICLE. BE SURE YOU ADDRESS EACH OF THE QUESTIONS LISTED IN THE BOX BELOW. YOUR SUMMARY SHOULD NOT BE A LIST, AND SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF ONE PARAGRAPH IN LENGTH. USE PROPER SENTENCE STRUCTURE, SPELLING, GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION. (4 SENTENCES / POINTS)

[illegible]

**\* WHAT HAPPENED?**

## \* WHO DID IT HAPPEN TO?

**\* WHEN DID IT HAPPEN?**

**\* WHERE DID IT HAPPEN?**

**\* WHY DID IT HAPPEN?**

### \* HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

# BOIL IT DOWN!

11. NOW THAT YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE, IT'S TIME TO SHARE YOUR OPINION ON THE ISSUES. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE MORAL QUESTION DESCRIBED IN THE ARTICLE? WHAT DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE DONE? WRITE AT LEAST TWO SENTENCES EXPLAINING YOUR POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT. (2 POINTS)

